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Warrant for Town Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 1924.

WORCESTER SS.

*To any of the Constables of the Town of Douglas, in the County of
Worcester:* GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Douglas, qualified to vote in town elections and town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Douglas, on Monday, the seventeenth day of March current, at 5:45 o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To elect a moderator, a town clerk, a town treasurer, a collector of taxes, six constables, an agent of the Moses Wallis devise, a tree warden, an auditor, one water commissioner to fill vacancy, each for the term of one year; one selectman, one assessor, one overseer of the poor, one water commissioner, two members of the school committee, one trustee of the public library, one cemetery commissioner, each for the term of three years.

ART. 2. To choose all other town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To hear the reports of the town officers and outstanding committees and act thereon.

ART. 4. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for the following purposes: Support of poor, schools and salary of superintendent, street lighting, moth suppression, tree warden, bridges and sidewalks, fire telephone, hose company, debts and interest, insurance, public library, town officers, and for all other expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the relief of disabled soldiers and their families.

ART. 6. To see what disposition the town will make of the dog fund.

ART. 7. To see of what number the acting superintending school committee shall consist, and what their compensation shall be.

ART. 8. To see if the town will vote the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to Lambert B. Simmons Camp, 123, S. of V., for defraying the expenses of Memorial Day.

ART. 9. To see if the town will vote to pay twenty-five dollars from the contingent fund for the repair of the town clock, so called.

ART. 10. To see if the town will appropriate money for rail-ing highways.

ART. 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate money for the care of public squares and monument lot.

ART. 12. To determine the compensation of the members of hose company and of the various other town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 13. To see if the town will authorize its collector of taxes to sell at public auction any and all parcels of land now held by it under tax sales and to give a deed or deeds of the same in the name and behalf of said inhabitants.

ART. 14. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for highways and stone roads, and oiling macadam roads, to be expended under the supervision of the selectmen.

ART. 15. To see if the town will vote to instruct its board of selectmen to petition the State Highway Commission under chapter 81 of general laws, and acts in amendment thereof, for State aid in construction of highways.

ART. 16. To see if the town will take any further action in relation to a town forest.

ART. 17. To see if the town will authorize its treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1st, 1924, and to issue a note, or notes, therefor, payable within one year, any debt, or debts, incurred under this vote to be paid out of the revenue of said financial year.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$450.00 to be expended in renovating the Simon Fairfield Public Library.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will vote to give Lambert B. Simon's Camp, No. 123, S. of V., a right to mount cannon, given over to their care by the G. A. R., on the common beside monument at Douglas Center.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Cemetery Trustees or Commissioners, to see that the Old Douglas Cemetery is mowed at least once every summer.

The polls may close at 2 o'clock.

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office at Douglas and the Post Office at East Douglas ten days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this third day of March, in the year one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four.

WALTER E. SCHUSTER,
W. L. CHURCH,
FRANK E. JONES,

Selectmen of Douglas.

Report of Selectmen

The Selectmen of Douglas respectfully submit their annual report of the financial affairs of the town for the year ending December 31, 1923. They have drawn orders on the Town Treasurer for the payment of money for the following purposes:

Schools, appropriation	\$28,500 00	
Tuition	20 00	
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Expended	\$28,520 00	
	28,512 96	\$28,512 96
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Balance	\$7 04	
Highways, appropriation	\$7,000 00	
Received from State	5,268 12	
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Expended	\$12,268 12	
	12,193 71	12,193 71
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Balance	\$74 41	
Street lighting, appropriation	\$1,920 00	
Expended	1,937 01	1,937 01
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Overdrawn	\$17 01	
Support of Poor, appropriation.....	\$8,500 00	
Expended	8,333 14	8,333 14
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Balance	\$166 86	
Moth Suppression, appropriation	\$600 00	
Expended	397 70	397 70
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Balance	\$202 30	

Hose Company, appropriation	\$240 00	
Expended	240 00	240 00
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Simon Fairfield Library, appropriation....	\$500 00	
Dog Fund	347 09	
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	\$847 09	
Expended	1,146 29	1,146 29
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Overdrawn	\$299 20	
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Memorial Day, appropriation	\$150 00	
Expended	150 00	150 00
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Care Carter and Monument Squares, appro- priation	\$30 00	
Expended	30 00	30 00
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Debts and Interest, appropriation.....	\$15,300 00	
Expended	15,895 36	15,895 36
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Overdrawn	\$595 36	
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Repair water tank, appropriation.....	\$610 00	
Expended	607 10	607 10
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Balance	\$2 90	
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Bridges, appropriation	\$300 00	
Expended	3 00	3 00
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Balance	\$297 00	
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Railing highways, appropriation	\$150 00	
Unexpended		

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation	\$1,500 00		
Salaries	\$598 00		
Assessors	550 58		
Town Clerk	272 60		
Registrars	60 00		
Collector of Taxes	340 24	1,821 42	1,821 42
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Overdrawn	\$321 42		

CONTINGENT.

Appropriation		\$2,000 00		
Dog officer	\$10 00			
Game warden	50 00			
Auditor	53 48			
Counsel	50 00			
Board of Health	113 05			
Tree Warden	114 08			
Fire telephone	41 40			
Constables	72 00			
Vital Statistics	9 25			
Insurance town hall	100 00			
Snow roads	1,255 20			
Bonding of officials	200 00			
Inhabitants tax	75 24			
Forest fires	1,433 15			
Printing reports	242 00			
Sidewalks	9 25			
Ice storm	2 55			
Election expenses	139 60			
Inspection of animals....	116 00			
Inspection of meat	85 75			
Maintenance Town Hall				
Income	\$864 85			
Moses Wallis Devise	2,909 50			
	<u>\$3,774 35</u>			
Expended....	2,985 94	2,985 94		
	<u>Balance</u>	<u>\$788 41</u>		
Repairs old Town Hall..	148 20	7,306 14	7,306 14	
	<u>Overdrawn</u>	<u>\$5,306 14</u>		
Temporary Loans	\$34,000 00			
County Tax	2,619 00			
New Town Hall	17,015 03			
			<u>53,634 03</u>	

STATE AID.

Mrs Caroline M. Clark	\$66 00			
Mrs. Lizzie Cook	72 00			
Horace Belding	48 00			
Louis B. Titus	72 00			
Mrs. Hannah M. Adams	12 00			
			<u>270 00</u>	
			\$132,477 86	

W. E. SCHUSTER,
W. L. CHURCH,
F. E. JONES,

Selectmen of Douglas.

Treasurer's Report.

GILBERT W. ROWLEY, Treasurer.

1923		Dr.
Jan.	20 Highway Commissioner, State Treasurer..	\$123 01
Feb.	1 State Treasurer:	
	Mothers with dependent children	\$490 76
	Corporation Tax, Public Service, 1922	81 81
	Income Tax, 1922	90 00
		<hr/> 662 57
	2 Note No. 51, Blackstone National Bank...	4,000 00
	Interest, Massachusetts Trust Company....	5 34
	Interest Massachusetts Trust Company, Hall Account	55 89
	8 New Town Hall, Agent Devise of Moses Wallis	193 21
	13 Edward L. Williams, Collector, Taxes 1922.	500 00
	19 Poor Dept., farm, P. D. Manning.....	14 85
	26 Interest, Massachusetts Trust Company...	6 82
	27 Gift to Town Hall, electric stove, W. E. Schuster	249 50
March	1 Note No. 52, Grafton & Company.....	4,000 00
	Interest, Blackstone National Bank.....	1 59
	Gift, Town Hall, collection at dedication for dishes, with additions since then.....	204 00
	3 Interest, Massachusetts Trust Company...	43 40
	5 Gift, Town Hall, Marie Schuster Smith, for dishes	50 00

		Gift, Town Hall, Schuster Woolen Company, for furniture	430 75
	9	Poor Dept., farm, P. D. Manning.....	27 00
	12	School Fund, State Treasurer.....	2,993 13
	19	Town Hall, rent March 9th, Girl Scouts..	10 00
		Town Hall, rent 4 rehearsals, Girl Scouts	10 00
		Town Hall, Supplies, Schuster Woolen Co.	7 85
	26	State Treasurer:	
		Temporary Aid	\$248 00
		Vocational Education	92 00
			<hr/> 340 00
	27	Mass. Training Schools, State Treasurer...	473 22
April	3	Note No. 53, W. L. Hayward.....	8,000 00
		Interest, Massachusetts Trust Company (Hall)	\$28 68
		Interest, Massachusetts Trust Company (regular)	1 15
			<hr/> 29 83
	9	Town Hall, rent, A. O. U. W., lower hall, Apr. 5, 1923	5 00
	20	Town Hall, rent, D. A. R., afternoon Apr. 17	8 00
	23	State Treasurer:	
		Temporary Aid	\$462 00
		Corporation Tax Business...	76 72
			<hr/> 538 72
	24	Town Hall, rent, May C. Mackey.....	15 00
	28	Town Hall, rent, High School, April 26th, play plus rehearsal	12 50
	30	License, Pool, Amos Goodness.....	20 00
		Town Hall, rent, April 27th, whole building, A. O. U. W.	25 00
		Edward L. Williams, Coll. Taxes, 1922....	499 73
		Interest, Taxes 1922, Edward L. Williams, Coll.	42 79
May	1	Court money, Worcester Southern District Court	48 37
		License, Undertaker, Francisco Bowen.....	1 00
		License, Undertaker, Edward E. Young...	1 00
		License, Pool, Elmwood Club.....	10 00
	7	Gift, Town Hall, Fire Department.....	25 00
		Adaline Pierce Sanborn for Library Fund, Wm. A. Kimball, Exec.	100 00
		License, Auctioneer, W. H. Herendeen.....	2 00
	9	License, Junk, I. Shor	25 00
		License, Pool, Slovak Society.....	10 00
		Poor Dept. farm, P. D. Manning.....	10 50
		Interest, Hall Account, Massa- chusetts Trust Company.....	\$19 97
		Interest, Regular Account, Mas- sachusetts Trust Company...	12 41
			<hr/> 32 38

	10	Rent of Hall, April 20th, Parent-Teacher Association	10 00
		Rent of Hall, May 4th, Mumford River Lodge	25 00
		Rent of Hall, May 15th, D. A. R. whist, Lower Hall	5 00
		Rent of Hall, May 10th, Foresters, Gette, Lower Hall	5 00
	21	Income Abbie Therrien fund, Blackstone National Bank	8 50
	23	Note No. 54, Uxbridge Savings Bank.....	10,000 00
	28	Rent of Hall, May 24th, C. W. C., Mrs. J. E. Dunleavy, Treas.	10 00
June	2	Interest, Massachusetts Trust Company...	19 40
	15	Edward L. Williams, Coll., Poll Taxes, 1923	2,000 00
	20	Note No. 55, Uxbridge Savings Bank.....	8,000 00
		Rent of Town Hall, June 15, Foresters, Lower Hall	5 00
	22	Civilian War Poll Tax 1922, State Treasurer	24 00
July	3	Interest, Blackstone National Bank.....	6 82
	18	Poor Dept., P. D. Manning.....	28 40
	23	Highway Dept., State Treasurer.....	2,483 52
	24	Edward L. Williams, Coll., Poll Taxes 1923	700 00
		Poor Dept., Mothers' and State Aid.....	84 00
	28	Town Hall, W. R. C. and G. A. R.....	5 00
Aug.	1	Interest, Blackstone National Bank.....	6 99
2 State Treasurer:			
		Mothers with Dependent Children	\$241 67
		Compensation of Inspector of Animals	42 38
		Income Taxes 1921 and Prior Year	156 75
		Income Taxes 1922.....	72 00
		Corporation Tax Business...	171 25
			<hr/> 684 05
	4	Interest, Massachusetts Trust Company...	7 48
	13	Court Money, Wesley Webster, Clerk.....	2 27
		Income Abbie Therrien Fund, Rev. J. E. Meehan (ret'd)	3 40
		Interest, July 1st, hall account, Massachusetts Trust Co.	11 84
		Interest, June 1st, hall account, Massachusetts Trust Co.	99
		Interest July 1st, regular account, Massachusetts Trust Co.	10 60
	18	Town Hall, velvet curtain, Ladies' Circle First Cong'l Church	10 00
		Highway Dept., State Treasurer.....	389 65
	20	Mothers with Dependent Children, State Treasurer	208 74
Sept.	3	Interest, Massachusetts Trust Company....	4 27

	4	School Dept., tuition fall term, Mrs. E. Kibbe	10 00
	5	Edward L. Williams, Coll., Taxes 1923....	12,500 00
	15	Highways, State Treasurer.....	510 17
		Town Hall, rent, Henry Correll.....	25 00
	17	Rent of Town Hall, May 28, 1923, Parent-Teacher Association	15 00
	20	Rent of Town Hall, May 18, 1923, Parent-Teacher Association	5 00
	28	Rent of Town Hall, May 27, 1923, High School Senior class, Lower Hall.....	5 00
	29	Edward L. Williams, Coll., Taxes 1923....	13,000 00
		Interest, Blackstone National Bank.....	7 56
Oct.	2	Interest, Massachusetts Trust Company...	8 71
	6	Rent of Hall, Mary T. Mackey.....	10 00

11 State Treasurer:

Temporary Aid	\$876 25	
Tuition of Children.....	133 21	
	<hr/>	1,009 46

	13	Rent of Hall, Mary T. Mackey.....	5 00
	15	Poor Dept., P. D. Manning.....	2 60
	18	Rent of Hall, Alumni Association, Wm. Dunleavy, Tr.	5 00
	20	Rent of Hall, Mary T. Mackey.....	5 00
		Highways, State Treasurer.....	833 99
		School Superintendent, State Treasurer...	773 33
	26	Rent of Hall, Mary T. Mackey.....	5 00
	29	Rent of Hall, Catholic Women's Council...	11 00
	31	Poor Dept., Sale of Stock, A. J. Page, Overseer	918 00
Nov.	1	Edward L. Williams, Coll. Taxes.. 1923 ...	16,000 00
	5	Interest, Massachusetts Trust Company...	21 86
	7	Poor Dept., P. J. Manning.....	24 30
	9	Rent of Town Hall, W. R. C., Mrs. Dermody, Treas.	10 00
	10	Rent of Town Hall, A. J. Page, for Boy Scouts	25 00
	14	Rent of Town Hall, Mary T. Mackey.....	10 00

20 State Treasurer:

Corporation Tax Public Service	\$549 20	
Corporation Tax Business...	2,724 16	
Income Tax 1923	3,388 74	
Income Tax 1923, General School Fund	6,314 10	
National Bank Tax	156 76	
State Aid	198 00	
Soldier's Exemption	2 69	
	<hr/>	13,333 65

	23	Poor Dept. Auction, A. J. Page.....	270	96
	26	State Treasurer:		
		Mass. Training Schools.....	\$133	50
		Highways	341	10
			<hr/>	474 60
		Rent of Hall, Anna F. Bird.....	3	00
		Rent of Hall, Parent-Teacher Association..	20	00
	27	Rent of Hall, Epworth League.....	10	00
	28	Note No. 60, Massachusetts Trust Company	10,000	00
	30	Rent of Hall, Legion, T. P. Ritchie, Treas.	20	00
Dec.	3	Poor Dept. Farm Funds, A. J. Page.....	158	73
		Rent of Hall, A. O. U. W.....	20	00
		Interest, October, Blackstone		
		National Bank	\$9	78
		Interest, November, Blackstone		
		National Bank	8	47
			<hr/>	18 25
		Interest, Massachusetts Trust Company....	24	41
	4	School Dept. Winter Term, Mrs. E. Kibbe.	10	00
	5	Poor Dept., P. D. Manning.....	11	03
	7	Rent of Hall, Robert Walker.....	400	00
	11	Rent of Hall, Senior Class High School....	12	50
	17	Highway Dept., State Treasurer.....	586	68
	21	State Treasurer:		
		Support of Paupers.....	\$41	50
		Corporation Tax P. S. 1923..	27	15
		Corporation Tax Business, '23	543	74
			<hr/>	612 39
	31	Library Acct., Dog Fund, County Treasurer	347	09
		Income Tax 1923, State Treasurer.....	144	00
1924				
Jan.	2	Edward L. Williams, Coll. Taxes 1923.....	3,750	00
	3	Rent of Hall, C. W. C. Christmas Tree.....	5	00
		Rent of Hall, Robert Walker, December, '23	45	00
		Interest, Massachusetts Trust Company...	39	37
	4	Poor Dept., Farm Cash, A. J. Page.....	30	60
		Forest Fire, orders not paid.....	2	40
	8	Rent of Hall, Dec. 31st, Mumford River		
		Lodge	25	00
	14	Maintenance of Hall, Devise of Moses Wal-		
		lis	2,909	50
			<hr/>	\$127,664 01
		By Cash	18,426	62
			<hr/>	\$146,090 63

1923			Cr.
Feb.	5	Selectmen's Orders, 112 to 115.....	\$10,066 94
	15	Court Money, H. E. Hughes....	\$11 00
		Court Money, E. P. Heath.....	15 06
		Court Money, Albert Dansereau	108 50
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			134 56
March	5	Selectmen's Orders, 116 to 119.....	5,590 50
	10	Court Money, William Herendeen.....	46 20
April	2	Selectmen's Orders, 120 to 127.....	9,546 02
	30	Abatements 1922, Edward L. Williams, Collector	20 76
		Edward L. Williams, Coll., Recommitted Taxes, 1922	197 88
May	7	Selectmen's Orders, 128 to 137.....	12,597 09
	8	Blackstone National Bank, Adeline Pierce Sanborn Fund (Library)	100 00
	21	Income Abbie Therrien Fund, Rev. James E. Meehan	10 62
June	4	Selectmen's Orders, 138 to 148.....	10,304 04
July	2	Selectmen's Orders, 149 and 150.....	9,278 45
Aug.	6	Selectmen's Orders, 151 and 152.....	2,729 75
	28	Court Money, Albert Dansereau	\$106 55
		Court Money, H. E. Hughes....	7 70
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			114 25
Sept.	10	Selectmen's Orders, 153 to 155.....	4,309 49
Oct.	1	Henry Whiting Lot, Wm. H. Herendeen	\$2 00
		Sarah E. Scott Lot, Wm. H. Herendeen	2 00
		Ezra Aldrich Lot, Wm. H. Herendeen	2 00
		Lucinda Reynolds Lot, W. H. Herendeen	2 00
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			8 00
		Selectmen's Orders, 156 to 159.....	12,603 89
Nov.	5	Selectmen's Orders, 160 and 161.....	10,200 34
	6	Court Money, Albert Dansereau.....	34 32
	20	State Treasurer:	
		State Tax	\$4,320 00
		Repairs State Highway.....	425 00
		Civilian War Poll Tax.....	1,914 00
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			6,659 00
Dec.	3	Rent of Town Hall, A. J. Page, refund....	5 00
		Selectmen's Orders, 162 to 164.....	38,666 72
1924			
Jan.	7	Selectmen's Orders, 165 to 171.....	6,584 63
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			\$139,808 45
			By Cash
			6,282 18
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			\$146,090 63

ASSETS.

Cash on hand December 31, 1923, General Funds.....	\$6,282 18
Due from Edward L. Williams, Collector, 1922.....	1,192 68
Due from State Aid	270 00
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	\$7,744 86

In trust, Henry Whiting fund, People's Savings Bank, Worcester, for care of cemetery lot.....	\$164 98
In trust, Sarah E. Scott fund, People's Savings Bank, Worcester, for care of cemetery lot.....	66 69
In trust, Ezra Aldrich fund, People's Savings Bank, Worcester, for care of cemetery lot.....	118 50
In trust, Lucinda C. Reynolds fund, People's Savings Bank, Worcester, for care of cemetery lot.....	118 94
In trust, Caroline M. Otis fund, People's Savings Bank, Worcester, for care of cemetery lot.....	54 64
In trust, Abbie M. Therrien fund, Liberty Bond in Blackstone National Bank, Uxbridge, for care of cemetery lot	100 00
In trust, Adeline Pierce Sanborn Library fund.....	102 65

LIABILITIES.

Water Bonds—22 One thousand dollar bonds payable two thousand per year, July 1, 1924, to 1935, No. 21-42 (outside debt limit)	\$22,000 00
Water Notes—3 One thousand dollar notes and 1 five hundred dollar note payable one thousand per year and then five hundred, October 5, 1924, to 1927 (outside debt limit)	3,500 00
School Notes—7 One thousand dollar notes payable one thousand per year, Oct. 15, 1924, to 1930.....	7,000 00
2 One thousand dollar notes payable one thousand per year, Feb. 1, 1924, to 1925.....	2,000 00
Town Hall Construction Notes—8 One thousand dollar notes payable two thousand dollars per year, Nov. 23, 1924, to 1927, notes 27 to 34.....	8,000 00
15 One thousand dol- lar notes payable one thousand dollars per year, Nov. 15, 1928, to 1942, Notes 35 to 40.....	15,000 00
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	\$57,500 00
Water Bonds and Notes (outside debt limit)	\$25,500 00
School Notes and Town Hall Construction Notes (inside debt limit).....	32,000 00
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	\$57,500 00

Anticipation of Revenue—1 Ten thousand dollar note No. 60, discounted, payable Nov. 26, 1924.....	\$10,000 00
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GILBERT W. ROWLEY, *Town Treasurer.*

DEBTS AND INTEREST

1924

	Principal		Interest
Water Bonds—Payable July 1, 1924	\$2000	O. C. T. Co.	
Int. \$22,000 2% June 15		O. C. T. Co.	\$440 00
\$20,000 2% Dec. 15		O. C. T. Co.	420 00
Water Notes—Payable Oct. 5, 1924	1000	W. L. H.	
Int. \$3,500 2% ³ / ₈ April 5		W. L. H.	83 13
\$3,500 2% ³ / ₈ Oct. 5		W. L. H.	83 12
School Notes—Payable Feb. 1, 1925	1000	W. L. H.	
Payable Oct. 15, 1924	1000	W. N. B.	
Int. \$1,000 2% ¹ / ₄ Aug. 1, W.L.H.			22 50
1,000 2% ¹ / ₄ Feb. 1, '25,		W. L. H.	22 50
7,000 2% ³ / ₄ Apr. 15, '24,		W. N. B.	192 50
7,000 2% ³ / ₄ Oct. 15, W.N.B.			192 50
Town Hall Notes—Payable Nov. 15,			
1924	2000	M. T. Co.	
Int. \$23,000 4% ¹ / ₄ May 15, M.T.Co.			488 75
23,000 4% ¹ / ₄ Nov. 15, M.T.Co.			488 75
Anticipation of			
Revenue Notes—Payable Nov. 26,			
1924 (discounted)	10000	M. T. Co.	
Int. on \$40,000 (additional esti-			
mated) 5% 6 mo.			1,000 00
	<u>\$17,000</u>		<u>\$3,433 75</u>
			17,000 00
			<u>\$20,433 75</u>

GILBERT W. ROWLEY, *Town Treasurer.*

REPORT OF AUDITOR.

February 9, 1924.

*To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Town of Douglas, Mass.*

Gentlemen:

The books and accounts of the Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, Overseers of Poor, and Agent of Devise of Moses Wallis, have been examined for the year 1923 and found to be correct, and all funds fully accounted for. The Cash on Hand at the close of the year is as follows:

Town Treasurer	\$6,282 18
Treasurer of Water Department.....	236 46

These balances agree with the deposits in various banks as per statements of said banks as of December 31, 1923. The uncollected taxes on December 31, 1923, was \$1,217.68, which agrees with Tax Collector's books.

The vouchers for cash disbursements have been verified with the charges in the cash book, and the securities in possession of the Agent of Devise of Moses Wallis have been examined and found to agree with his report.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. FRANKLIN HALL, C. P. A.,

Accountant and Auditor.

Report of the Water Commissioners'

Repairs on the tank were \$607.10 more than the engineers first estimated, making a total cost of \$4,107.10. The pumping plant is in need of repairs, which will be attended to at once.

1923

Dr.

Jan.	1	Balance cash in town treasury.....		\$714 62
		Received for water and sprink-		
		ler service	\$2,974 89	
		Received for labor	6 85	
		Received interest on deposit....	19 86	
		Received sale of notes.....	3,500 00	
				<u>6,501 60</u>
				\$7,216 22

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		Paid labor and supplies, making		
		house connections and repairs	\$790 03	
		Telephone	17 50	
		Power and light	1,495 23	
		Fuel	17 00	
		Superintendent	1,160 00	
		Tank repairs, on account.....	3,500 00	
				<u>\$6,979 76</u>
Dec.	31	Balance in treasury.....	236 46	
				<u>\$7,216 22</u>

WILLIAM L. HAYWARD,
OSCAR OLSON,

Water Commissioners.

Report of Treasurer

DOUGLAS WATER WORKS

1923		Dr.
Jan.	20 C. J. Batcheller, Commissioner.....	\$33 00
March	8 C. J. Batcheller, Commissioner.....	48 97
	21 C. J. Batcheller, Commissioner.....	125 00
April	21 Herbert E. Hughes	150 69
May	1 Herbert E. Hughes	100 00
	17 Herbert E. Hughes	176 92
	22 Herbert E. Hughes	544 94
June	13 Herbert E. Hughes	160 90
Aug.	2 Herbert E. Hughes	255 94
	6 Herbert E. Hughes	175 00
	14 Herbert E. Hughes	87 75
Oct.	6 Notes for repairs of tank	3,500 00
Oct.	8 Herbert E. Hughes	47 35
	15 Herbert E. Hughes	160 00
	17 Herbert E. Hughes	182 69
	23 Herbert E. Hughes	140 00
Nov.	12 Herbert E. Hughes	72 40
Dec.	14 Herbert E. Hughes	172 69
	18 Herbert E. Hughes	52 50

1924		
Jan.	9 Herbert E. Hughes	160 00
	14 Herbert E. Hughes	135 00
Interest for year		19 86
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		\$6,501 60

1923

Jan.	1	Cash on hand	714 62
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			\$7,216 22

1923

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January Water Commissioner's Orders 641 to 644.....	\$451 50
February Water Commissioner's Orders 645 to 650....	155 71
March Water Commissioner's Order 651.....	17 00
April Water Commissioner's Order 652.....	100 00
May Water Commissioner's Orders 653 to 655.....	150 26
June Water Commissioner's Orders 656 to 663.....	650 24
July Water Commissioner's Orders 664 to 669.....	223 12
August Water Commissioner's Orders 670 to 674.....	313 18
September Water Commissioner's Orders 675 to 680..	506 57
October Water Commissioner's Orders 681 to 686....	205 43
November Water Commissioner's Orders 687 to 694...	372 05
December Water Commissioners Orders 695 to 699.....	3,589 29

1924

January Water Commissioner's Orders 700 to 703.....	245 41
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	\$6,979 76
By cash on hand.....	236 46
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	\$7,216 22

GILBERT W. ROWLEY, *Treasurer.*

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

1923.

BIRTHS.

Whole number		72
Number of males	39	
Number of females	33	
	—	72
American parentage	23	
Foreign parentage	38	
Mixed parentage	11	
	—	72

MARRIAGES.

Whole number		18
American birth	25	
Foreign birth	11	
Residents of Douglas	23	
Elsewhere	13	
First marriage	31	
Second marriage	5	

DEATHS.

Whole number		44
Males	27	
Females	17	
	—	44
American birth	28	
Foreign birth	15	
Unknown	1	
	—	44

Number under 1 year.....	7
Between 1 and 5 years.....	0
“ 5 “ 10 “	1
“ 10 “ 20 “	1
“ 20 “ 30 “	3
“ 30 “ 40 “	3
“ 40 “ 50 “	2
“ 50 “ 60 “	3
“ 60 “ 70 “	6
“ 70 “ 80 “	9
“ 80 “ 90 “	7
“ 90 “ 100 “	1
Unknown	1
	— 44

DOGS REGISTERED.

Whole number	174
Males, 143 at \$2.00	\$286 00
Females, 31 at \$5.00.....	155 00
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	\$441 00
Less fees, 174 at 20 cents.....	34 80
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	\$406 20
Paid to County Treasurer	\$406 20

JOHN B. CHAPDELAIN, JR.,

Town Clerk.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Simon Fairfield Public Library.

1923		Dr.		
Jan.	1	Balance on deposit		\$93 17
1922				
Dec.	31	Dog Fund	\$356 77	
1923				
March		Town appropriation	500 00	\$856 77
1923				
Jan.	7	Received Savings Bank interest	\$22 50	
April	16	Liberty Bond interest	95 62	
June	7	Liberty Bond interest	127 50	
	7	Savings Bank interest	22 50	
July	7	Savings Bank interest	22 50	
Oct.	15	Liberty Bond interest	95 63	
Nov.	1	Savings Bank interest	22 50	
	15	Liberty Bond interest	127 50	
Dec.	24	Lena M. Schuster for		
		books	4 31	
	31	Book fines for year..	49 53	
				590 09
				<u>\$1,540 03</u>

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Expenses for year 1923 as follows:

Paid	Rosalie E. Williams, Librarian.....	\$520 00	
	Martha Belding, Assistant Librarian.	14 00	
	Herbert E. Hughes, Janitor.....	130 00	
	Worcester Suburban Electric Co....	36 39	
	Magazine subscriptions	47 00	
	Newspapers	16 50	
	Fuel	117 00	
	Book binding	187 75	
	Books and freight	367 22	
	Moving ashes	2 00	
	Box rent, postage and paste.....	3 26	
	Express and freight	2 84	
	Safety deposit box	3 00	
	Boiler inspection	2 00	
	Electric light bulbs	3 00	
	Taking off screens and painting fire escape	1 50	
	Repairing clock	1 50	
	Trimming shrubs	2 00	
	Washing windows and putting on screens	2 00	
	Cleaning library	15 00	
	Mending supplies and express.....	5 77	
	James W. Wixtead, supplies.....	2 39	
			\$1,482 12

1923

Dec.	31	Balance on deposit	\$51 68	
	31	Unexpended balance of Dog Fund and Town appropriation in Town Treasury	6 23	\$57 91

ENDOWMENT FUNDS.

Mrs. Royal Keith Fund	\$200 00	
James M. Fairfield Fund	5,000 00	
James Smith Fund	6,000 00	
Arthur F. Taft Fund	500 00	
Winfield S. Schuster Fund.....	1,000 00	

Total \$12,700 00

The endowment funds of the Library are invested as follows:

In Registered 4¼% Liberty Bonds	\$10,500 00
In Savings Banks	2,200 00

Total \$12,700 00

FRANK E. JONES, *Treasurer.*

Annual Report of the Overseers of the Poor.

From January 1st, 1923, to January 1st, 1924.

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Douglas:

Gentlemen and Ladies:

The annual report of the Overseers of the Poor from January 1st, 1923, to January 1st, 1924, is hereby submitted.

Valuation of real estate, 170 acres of land, house, barn and sheds \$7,000 00

Personal property at Almshouse as per inventory Jan. 1st, 1924:

Household furniture and provisions...	\$1,211 01	
Contents of woodhouse, washhouse, fowls, farming tools and wagons, etc.	1,589 25	
1 pair horses	100 00	
2 cows	250 00	
3 hogs	54 00	
30 tons of hay at \$22 per ton.....	660 00	
50 tons ensilage at \$8 per ton.....	400 00	
1 set team harness	120 00	
1 electric motor	55 00	
10 cords manure	50 00	
1 mowing machine	88 00	
One-third interest in engine, truck, blower, belt and saw	100 00	
		<hr/> \$4,677 26

Decrease during year \$2,051 41

We have made the Superintendent debtor for labor, stock, and produce, etc., as follows:

Cash on hand as per report Jan. 1st, 1923..	\$103 40	
Received from sale of butter.....	9 95	
Milk and cream	892 54	
Eggs	278 80	
Vegetables	1 00	
Poultry	237 75	
Board	252 83	
Cows, calves and hogs.....	458 00	
Meat	14 85	
Team labor	47 50	
Miscellaneous	93 62	
	<hr/>	\$2,390 24

Cash balance from Farm paid to Town Treasurer.....	\$189 33
Credits paid to Treasurer by P. Manning.....	116 08

The Superintendent has paid out for merchandise and other expenses as follows:

Sale of butter on account.....	\$384 36	
Sale of eggs on account.....	135 82	
Paid E. N. Jenckes on account.....	100 00	
Grain	80 03	
Groceries and fruit	86 99	
Meat and fish	134 32	
Medical attendance and drugs.....	194 65	
Telephone	9 80	
Electricity	95 48	
Household necessities and clothing....	143 78	
Express and postage	12 46	
Garden seed	33 79	
Live stock	196 00	
Labor	620 45	
Poultry and dairy furnishings.....	55 05	
Blacksmith, repairs and farm tools....	83 00	
New mowing machine	88 00	
Planking and pasturing.....	173 16	
	<hr/>	\$2,629 14

OVERSEERS' CASH PAYMENTS FOR ALMSHOUSE ACCOUNT.

Paid Superintendent, salary	\$1,071 67
Paid P. D. Manning, grain.....	1,020 26
Paid P. D. Manning, groceries.....	601 23

Paid E. N. Jenckes, grain and groceries....	565 77	
Paid W. R. Wallis, seed and hardware....	87 95	
Paid Francisco Bowen, funeral for H. J. Murray	74 50	
Paid Boiler Inspector	2 00	
Paid Wm. H. Dudley for plowing.....	49 50	
Paid N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.....	2 30	
Paid John J. Quinn, medical service.....	22 00	
Paid H. D. Field, household items.....	10 00	
Paid Walter M. Stanley, shoeing.....	2 00	
Paid Ed. Kelly, meat	45 58	
Paid Walter Marris, meat.....	13 58	
Paid Worcester Sub. Elec. Co.....	9 44	
	<hr/>	\$3,577 78

SUMMARY.

Superintendent has paid as per his account	\$2,627 14	
Overseers have paid as per their account..	3,577 78	
	<hr/>	\$6,204 92

The Overseers of the Poor account is as follows:

Appropriation by Town	\$8,500 00	
Turned in to Town Treasury from Auction.	1,188 96	
	<hr/>	\$9,688 96

Expenditures:

(State) Mothers' Aid	\$2,329 47	
(State) Temporary Aid	1,287 25	
(Town) Outside Poor	642 78	
Bellingham	130 00	
Lockup	30 87	
Transportation Tewksbury	11 00	
Burial unknown man	25 00	
Miscellaneous payments	95 29	
Almshouse outside	3,577 78	
	<hr/>	\$8,129 44
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		\$1,559 52

Farm Superintendent Receipts.....	\$2,390 24	
Farm Superintendent Expenditures	2,627 14	
Received from State, Reimbursements for 1921	\$41 50	
Received from State, Reimbursements for 1922	1,200 76	
Received from State, Reimbursements for 1923	1,326 66	
	<hr/>	\$2,568 92

Due from State, Reimbursements for 1923	\$720 00	
Due from Bellingham, 1923.....	130 00	
	<hr/>	\$850 00

Paid as follows:

MOTHERS' AID ACCOUNT.

Paid No. 1	\$1,140 22	
No. 2	980 25	
No. 3	209 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,329 47

TEMPORARY AID ACCOUNT.

Paid No. 1	\$108 00	
No. 2	805 50	
No. 3	373 75	
	<hr/>	\$1,287 25

OUTSIDE POOR ACCOUNT.

Paid No. 1	\$96 00	
No. 2	30 00	
No. 3	75 00	
No. 4	327 33	
No. 5	114 45	
	<hr/>	\$642 78

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT.

Town Bellingham	\$130 00	
Transportation Tewksbury	11 00	
Burial unknown man	25 00	
Lockup	30 87	
Miscellaneous payments	95 29	
	<hr/>	\$292 16

INMATES AT ALMSHOUSE JAN. 1st, 1924.

No.	Age	Weeks	Days
1	94	17	5
2	49	52	1
3	71	52	1
4	68	49	3

OVERSEERS HAVE RECEIVED FOR THEIR SERVICES.

Arthur J. Page	\$100 00	
Charles Church	25 00	
Arthur Rawson	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$150 00

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR J. PAGE,
CHARLES CHURCH,
ARTHUR RAWSON,

Overseers of the Poor.

Report of Agent

DEVISE OF MOSES WALLIS

For Year ending December 31, 1923.

The Agent charges himself with amounts due the devise January 1, 1923, as follows:

Note, Frank Duval	\$300 00	
Note, Frank Duval	125 00	
Note, Edward M. Southwick	200 00	
Accrued interest	24 00	
		\$649 00
Liberty Bonds, 4¼%	\$25,000 00	
Accrued interest	132 81	
Deposit, Massachusetts Trust Co.....	500 00	
Accrued interest	24 40	
Deposit, Whitinsville Savings Bank.....	1,100 00	
Accrued interest	49 50	
Balance Tremont Trust Co.	526 50	
U. S. Certificate of Indebtedness.....	606 38	
Accrued interest	17 24	
Deposit, Whitinsville National Bank.....	1,014 97	
		28,971 80
		\$29,620 80
Permanent Fund		27,502 43
		\$2,118 37
One year and nine months interest at 4%.....		1,925 16
Balance belonging to Town Hall Building Fund...		\$193 21

The Agent has received as follows:

		Bank Balance, Whitinsville National Bank.	\$1,014 97	
1923				
May	1	Interest, Mrs. Simmons.....	\$24 00	
	15	Interest, 2nd Liberty Bonds, \$25,000	531 25	
	17	Notes, Frank Duval.....	425 00	
		Interest	\$2 85	
		Interest	6 85	
			<hr/>	9 70
June	15	Interest, U. S. Certificate of In- debtedness		
		\$500, 12/15/22	\$14 37	
		6/15/23	14 38	
			<hr/>	28 75
		\$100, 12/15/22	\$2 87	
		6/15/23	2 88	
			<hr/>	5 75
Aug.	16	Tremont Trust Co. 10%.....	157 94	
Nov.	1	Int., Whitinsville Savings Bank ..	89 13	
Nov.	15	Interest, 2nd Liberty Bonds, \$25,000	531 25	
Dec.	6	Interest, Mrs. Simmons.....	12 00	
	15	Interest, U. S. Certificate of Indebtedness		
		\$500	\$14 37	
		\$100	2 87	
			<hr/>	17 24
	22	Tremont Trust Co. 10%.....	157 94	
1924				
Jan.	2	Interest, Whitinsville Nat. Bank	19 82	
	14	Massachusetts Trust Co.	538 40	
			<hr/>	2,548 17
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				\$3,563 14

The Agent has paid out as follows:

1923				
Feb.	8	Treasurer Town of Douglas, Balance of Building Fund...	\$193 21	
Nov.	1	Int., Whitinsville Savings Bank..	89 13	
Dec.	31	Salary of Agent	75 00	

1924

Jan. 14	To Town Treasurer for maintenance of Hall, income for two years and nine months.....	2,909 50	
	Balance, Whitinsville Nat. Bank	296 30	
		<hr/>	\$3,563 14

PRESENT VALUE OF DEVISE.

Edward M. Southwick note	\$200 00
Liberty Bonds, 4¼%	25,000 00
Deposit, Whitinsville Savings Bank.....	1,189 13
Balance Deposit, Tremont Trust Co.	210 62
U. S. Certificate of Indebtedness	606 38
Whitinsville National Bank	296 30
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Value of Permanent Fund	\$27,502 43

It will be noted that Agent has not taken credit for accrued interest in showing present value of the devise. This causes the income for 1923 to appear less than it should be for the value of the devise.

Respectfully submitted,

GILBERT W. ROWLEY, *Agent*.

Report of Tax Collector.

For Year 1923.

The Assessors for the year 1923 committed to me the 7th day of May, 1923, the Collector's book with warrant to collect and pay over to the Treasurer of said town of Douglas, Poll Taxes \$3,190 00

And on July 19th, 1923, warrant and Collector's book to collect and pay over to Treasurer of said town of Douglas, Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes 45,754 80
Real Estate Taxes recommitted from 1922..... 197 88

Total to be collected \$49,142 68

I have collected and paid over to Treasurer of said town in taxes and interest..... \$47,950 00

Leaving balance uncollected January 1st..... 1,192 68

5 Extra Poll Taxes collected..... 25 00

I have collected since January 1st and paid to

Treasurer in taxes and interest..... 400 00

Abatements to date 372 70

Leaving balance uncollected 504 28

Total interest to date 59 30

EDWARD L. WILLIAMS, *Collector.*

Report of Tree Warden

The following is the yearly report of the Tree Warden, Walter E. Carpenter:

W. E. Carpenter, 112½ hours at 50c.....	\$56 25
R. D. Carpenter, 33 hours; 3 at 40c, 30 at 50c.....	16 20
Napoleon Bruno, 30 hours at 75c.....	22 50
Team, 53½ hours at 25c.....	13 38

SUPPLIES.

Walter Stanley, 2 bolts	\$1 50
J. W. Wixtead, 1 pail.....	50
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	\$110 33

Dec. 31, 1923.

W. E. CARPENTER,

Tree Warden.

REPORT OF Road Commissioner.

1923.

LABOR ON HIGHWAYS.

G. H. Dudley, 1,191 hours at 50c.....	\$595 50
G. H. Dudley, 1 horse 1,182 hours at 25c...	295 50
G. H. Dudley, 2 horses 721 hours at 45c....	324 45
W. H. Dudley, 793 hours at 45c.....	356 85
W. H. Dudley, 1 horse 490 hours at 25c....	122 50
W. H. Dudley, 2 horses 1,743 hours at 45c..	784 35
Clifford Lunn, 651 hours at 45c.....	292 95
George South, 991 hours at 45c.....	445 95
A. P. Dudley, 64 hours at 45c.....	28 80
A. P. Dudley, 2 horses 51 hours at 45c....	22 95
Louis Eldredge, 39 hours at 45c.....	17 55
Chas. Raguso, 9 hours at 50c.....	4 50
John Friery, 323 hours at 45c.....	145 35
Louis Titus, 201 hours at 45c.....	94 50
Russell Keith, 196 hours at 25c.....	49 00
A. E. Rawson, 103 hours at 45c.....	46 35
A. E. Rawson, 67 hours at 50c.....	33 50
F. S. Rawson, 94 hours at 45c.....	42 30
F. S. Rawson, 60 hours at 50c.....	30 00
Oliver Cooley, 4 hours at 45c.....	1 80
— Holmes, 4 hours at 45c.....	1 80
Albert Nelson, 332 hours at 45c.....	149 40
Hayward Woolen Co., 13 hours at 45c....	5 85
Hayward Woolen Co., 13 hours at 73c....	9 49
Donald McMahon, 161 hours at 45c.....	72 45
Albert Valcourt, 946 hours at 45c.....	425 70
Louis Statter, 19 hours at 45c.....	8 55
Louis Statter, 2 horses 11 hours at 45c....	4 95
George Hemingway, 611 hours at 45c.....	274 95
Charles Dudley, 945 hours at 45c.....	425 25
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	\$5,113 04

GRAVEL.

W. W. Buxton, 581 loads at 5c.....	\$29 05
Ed. Lambert, 16 loads at 5c.....	80
C. L. Church, 16 loads at 5c.....	80
Thos. Lapham, 13 loads at 5c.....	65
W. E. Carpenter, 22 loads at 5c.....	1 10
Henry Chase, 11 loads at 5c.....	55
W. R. Wallis, 23 loads at 5c.....	1 15
Duty Caswell, 38 loads at 5c.....	1 90
George South, 40 loads at 5c.....	2 00
James Chase, 10 loads at 5c.....	50
Peter Laincz, 62 loads at 5c.....	3 10
A. H. Brown, 84 loads at 5c.....	4 20
Ray Dudley, 122 loads at 5c.....	6 10
L. A. Buffum, 35 loads at 10c.....	3 50
Perle Jefferson, 58 loads at 5c.....	2 90
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	\$58 30

SUNDRIES.

W. R. Wallis, 1½ kegs spikes.....	\$9 00
15 bags cement	15 00
5 bags cement	4 75
10 lbs. nails	70
1 18-inch elbow	1 40
17 lbs. spikes	1 19
50 ¼x2½-inch bolts.....	1 37
23 ¾-inch washers	12
P. D. Manning, 1 keg spikes.....	5 50
12 lbs. nails	96
6 lanterns	6 00
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., freight on 2 grader blades	50
American Ry. Express Co., charges on cast- ings and repairs	17 90
Alexander Supply Co., repairs for scraper.	43 50
Supplies	83 00
Supplies	15 90
W. H. Parker, 100 posts at 25c.....	25 00
50 rails at 60c	30 00
2 sleepers at \$3.00	6 00
7 sleepers at \$2.50	17 50
2,214 feet plank, 3 inch, at \$45.....	99 63
A. E. Rawson, 12 posts at 15c.....	1 80
C. W. Goulette, labor	3 00
61 lbs. steel	4 85
Repairs for gratings	1 75
1 rod for gratings	40
4 rods for gratings	1 85
Iron for gratings	3 20
Sharpening drills	60
Repairs on dummy	60

D. W. Dudley, sharpening bars.....	90	
Sharpening picks	1 65	
Repairs on scraper	1 50	
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		\$407 02
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		\$5,578 36

LABOR ON STONE ROADS.

G. H. Dudley, 370 hours at 50c.....	\$185 00	
G. H. Dudley, 1 horse 370 hours at 25c....	92 50	
G. H. Dudley, 2 horses 697 hours at 45c....	313 65	
W. H. Dudley, 298 hours at 45c.....	134 10	
W. H. Dudley, 1 horse 45 hours at 25c....	11 25	
W. H. Dudley, 2 horses 657 hours at 45c...	295 65	
George Hemingway, 299 hours at 45c.....	134 55	
Albert Dansereau, 6 hours at 50c.....	3 00	
Clifford Lunn, 693 hours at 45c.....	311 85	
Albert Valcourt, 314 hours at 45c.....	141 30	
George South, 340 hours at 45c.....	153 00	
Louis Titus, 645 hours at 45c.....	290 25	
Chas. Dudley, 320 hours at 45c.....	144 00	
John Friery, 226 hours at 45c.....	101 70	
A. P. Dudley, 142 hours at 45c.....	63 90	
A. P. Dudley, 2 horses 93 hours at 45c....	41 85	
A. E. Rawson, 14 hours at 45c.....	6 30	
Robert Lunn, 21 hours at 45c.....	9 45	
Robert Lunn, 27 hours at 60c.....	16 20	
Walter Lunn, 27 hours at 60c.....	16 20	
Louis Valcourt, 55 hours at 45c.....	24 75	
Stanley Kraus, 59 hours at 45c.....	26 55	
Russell Keith, 45 hours at 25c.....	11 25	
Albert Nelson, 36 hours at 45c.....	16 20	
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		\$2,544 45

SUNDRIES.

Waldo Bros. & Bond Co., grate and frame..	\$11 90	
Waldo Bros. & Bond Co., 1 tar kettle.....	130 50	
The Barrett Co., 15,814 gals. Tarvia.....	2,213 96	
The Barrett Co., 10 bbls. K. P. patching....	88 92	
The Barrett Co., 5 bbls. tar.....	51 05	
J. W. Wixtead, oil, globes and lanterns....	13 65	
N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co., freight.....	180 92	
N. H. Trap Rock Co., trap rock.....	166 31	
W. R. Wallis, 4 brooms.....	3 80	
W. R. Wallis, 9 pick and sledge handles....	3 60	
P. D. Manning, tools	17 40	
Herbert Gove, care lanterns.....	24 00	
James Mason, care watering trough.....	5 00	
Berger Mfg. Co., culverts.....	657 62	
Gove drain	25 00	
Good Roads Mach. Co., freight.....	24 85	
Good Roads Mach. Co., 1 2-horse 8-in. sweeper	375 00	
Good Roads Mach. Co., 2 single trees, \$3.00	6 00	
Good Roads Mach. Co., 1 double tree.....	3 00	

Hayward Woolen Co., bill on grader.....	51 54	
C. W. Goulette, 5 feet pipe.....	60	
C. W. Goulette, repairs to sieve.....	35	
C. W. Goulette, repairs to dummy.....	5 45	
Labor and stock on snow plow.....	8 20	
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		\$4,068 62
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		\$6,613 07

SNOW ROADS.

G. H. Dudley, 129 hours at 50c.....	\$64 50
G. H. Dudley, 1 horse 63 hours at 25c.....	15 75
G. H. Dudley, 2 horses 110 hours at 45c...	49 50
W. H. Dudley, 121 hours at 37½c.....	45 39
W. H. Dudley, 2 horses 218 hours at 45c....	98 10
A. P. Dudley, 106 hours at 37½c.....	39 76
A. P. Dudley, 2 horses 73 hours at 45c....	32 85
J. P. Manning, 36 hours at 37½c.....	13 51
J. P. Manning, 2 horses 28 hours at 45c...	12 60
C. F. Lambert, 81 hours at 37½c.....	30 38
C. F. Lambert, 2 horses 38 hours at 45c....	17 10
C. F. Lambert, 1 horse 43 hours at 25c....	10 75
Chas. Genereaux, 40 hours at 37½c.....	15 00
Chas. Genereaux, 2 horses 40 hours at 45c.	18 00
Alfred Dupont, 85 hours at 37½c.....	31 88
Alfred Dupont, 2 horses 85 hours at 45c...	38 25
Kenneth Parker, 30 hours at 37½c.....	11 25
Kenneth Parker, 2 horses 30 hours at 45c..	13 50
Ernest Girard, 36 hours at 37½c.....	13 50
Ernest Girard, 2 horses 36 hours at 45c...	16 20
Ed. Trembly, 8 hours at 37½c.....	3 00
Clifford Lunn, 31 hours at 37½c.....	11 64
R. E. Dudley, 2 horses 12 hours at 45c....	5 40
Mike Meagher, 12 hours at 37½c.....	4 51
John Foley, 5 hours at 37½c.....	1 88
N. A. Dixon, 31 hours at 37½c.....	11 63
George Hemingway, 84 hours at 37½c.....	31 51
Wm. Murphy, 56 hours at 37½c.....	21 01
Gabriel Gagnon, 25 hours at 37½c.....	9 39
Everett Ballou, 47 hours at 37½c.....	17 63
Wm. Lane, 23 hours at 37½c.....	8 63
Geo. McCann, 22 hours at 37½c.....	8 25
Peter Trembly, 8 hours at 37½c.....	3 00
Albert Dansereau, 4 hours at 37½c.....	1 50
Arthur Morse, 4 hours at 37½c.....	1 50
Arthur Morse, 1 horse 4 hours at 25c....	1 00
Jos. Decoteau, 4 hours at 37½c.....	1 50
Chas. Plante, 3 hours at 37½c.....	1 13
Peter Casey, 3 hours at 37½c.....	1 13
Roy Kenyon, 33 hours at 37½c.....	12 50
Roy Kenyon, 2 horses 30 hours at 45c....	13 50
Frank Lacino, 4 hours at 37½c.....	1 50
Roy Kenyon, 1 horse 3 hours at 25c.....	75
John Fulone, 11 hours at 37½c.....	4 13
John Fulone, 1 horse 11 hours at 25c.....	2 75
Ernest Lunn, 114 hours at 37½c.....	42 77

Wm. Mitchell, 12 hours at 37½c.....	4 51
Henry Ballou, 46 hours at 37½c.....	17 26
Earl Ballou, 41 hours at 37½c.....	15 38
Louis Lacino, 4 hours at 37½c.....	1 50
Fred Fowler, 11 hours at 25c.....	2 75
P. F. Rawson, 13 hours at 37½c.....	4 88
Paul Chase, 40 hours at 37½c.....	15 00
Bennie Arelo, 38 hours at 37½c.....	14 25
Edgar Fowler, 13 hours at 25c.....	3 25
John Mihna, 6 hours at 37½c.....	2 25
Duty Caswell, 8 hours at 37½c.....	3 00
Edward Ward, 6 hours at 37½c.....	2 25
Wm. J. Caswell, 8 hours at 37½c.....	3 00
Wm. J. Caswell, 2 horses 8 hours at 45c....	3 60
Earl McCann, 15 hours at 25c.....	3 75
Russell Keith, 24 hours at 25c.....	6 00
H. A. Peters, 73½ hours at 37½c.....	27 57
H. A. Peters, 2 horses 71 hours at 45c....	31 95
Robert Lunn, 16 hours at 37½c.....	6 00
Geo. Cassiveau, 3 hours at 37½c.....	1 13
P. C. Converse, 65 hours at 37½c.....	24 38
P. C. Converse, 2 horses 65 hours at 45c....	29 25
Chas. Dudley, 69½ hours at 37½c.....	26 08
Jos. Sweeney, 50½ hours at 37½c.....	18 94
Louis Statter, 11 hours at 37½c.....	4 13
Louis Statter, 2 horses 11 hours at 45c....	4 95
Andrew Sanborn, 28 hours at 37½c.....	10 51
L. A. Buffum, 8 hours at 37½c.....	3 00
Edward Sweeney, 21 hours at 37½c.....	8 07
A. E. Rawson, 41 hours at 37½c.....	15 38
George Chandler, 47 hours at 37½c.....	17 63
George Chandler, 2 horses 47 hours at 45c..	21 15
Clayton Shaw, 23 hours at 37½c.....	8 63
Percy Peters, 25 hours at 37½c.....	9 38
U. I. Peters, 19 hours at 37½c.....	7 13
Frank Revard, 14 hours at 37½c.....	5 25
Frank Revard, 2 horses 4 hours at 45c....	1 80
Walter Lyndall, 3 hours at 37½c.....	1 13
Walter Lyndall, 2 horses 3 hours at 45c....	1 35
Warren Tucker, 3 hours at 37½c.....	1 13
L. H. Wylie, 3 hours at 37½c.....	1 13
Wm. Lambert, 22 hours at 37½c.....	8 26
Ernest LaBelle, 50 hours at 37½c.....	18 76
Arthur Hemingway, 4 hours at 37½c.....	1 50
E. C. Esten, 8 hours at 37½c.....	3 00
C. L. Church, 3 hours at 37½c.....	1 13
C. L. Church, 2 horses 3 hours at 45c....	1 35
Ed. Lambert, 15 hours at 37½c.....	5 63
Ed. Lambert, 2 horses 15 hours at 45c....	6 75
Albert Valcourt, 22 hours at 37½c.....	8 26
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	\$1,255 23

G. H. DUDLEY,

Road Commissioner.

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
and Superintendent of Schools
OF THE
TOWN OF DOUGLAS
FOR THE
Year Ending December 31, 1923



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SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

WILLIAM T. LOOMIS.....	Term expires	1924
WALTER B. FAIRFIELD.....	“	“ 1924
ARTHUR E. RAWSON.....	“	“ 1925
CLIFFORD COSTINE.....	“	“ 1925
FRANK H. BIRD.....	“	“ 1926
HARRY L. STOCKWELL.....	“	“ 1926

SUPERINTENDING COMMITTEE.

WILLIAM T. LOOMIS, *Chairman*

ARTHUR E. RAWSON, *Secretary*

FRANK H. BIRD

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

C. L. JUDKINS

PURCHASING AGENT.

W. T. LOOMIS

ATTENDANCE OFFICERS.

THOS. P. RITCHIE

C. L. JUDKINS

SCHOOL CALENDAR

HIGH SCHOOL.

Winter term—January 2, 1924, to March 28, 1924, 13 weeks.

Spring term—April 7, 1924, to June 20, 1924, 11 weeks.

Fall term—September 2, 1924, to December 19, 1924, 16 weeks.

Winter term—December 29, 1924, to March 27, 1925, 13 weeks.

Spring term—April 6, 1925, to June 19, 1925, 11 weeks.

Thanksgiving recess, Nov. 28 to Dec. 1.

Christmas vacation, Dec. 20 to Dec. 29.

Spring vacation, March 28 to April 6 .

GRADES.

Winter term—January 7, 1924, to March 28, 1924, 12 weeks.

Spring term—April 7, 1924, to June 13, 1924, 10 weeks.

Fall term—September 2, 1924, to December 19, 1924, 16 weeks.

Winter term—January 5, 1925, to March 27, 1925, 12 weeks.

Spring term—April 6, 1925, to June 12, 1925, 10 weeks.

Thanksgiving recess, Nov. 28 to Dec. 1.

Christmas vacation, Dec. 20 to Jan. 5.

Spring vacation, March 28 to April 6 .

Report of the SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The School Committee submits the following report for the financial year ending December 31, 1923:

The expenses for maintaining the schools for the past year were \$28,512.71, which is \$131.40 more than for the preceding year.

We received from the State as reimbursement for teachers' salaries \$9,307.23, and for the tuition of State wards \$739.93, or a total of \$10,047.16, making the net cost of the schools \$18,465.55. This net cost is \$454.92 less than for last year.

The coming year, however, owing to recent enactment of the legislature, the State's valuation of the town, rather than the local assessors' valuation, will be taken as the basis in the distribution of the State school fund, and we shall receive approximately \$3,400 less from the public moneys.

As the State reimbursements are not credited to the School Department, but are paid directly into the town treasury, the amount of the school appropriation for the coming year will not be affected.

Following is the financial statement for the past year:

Expenses of School Committee.....	\$57 35
Salary of Superintendent of Schools.....	1,080 00
Expenses of Superintendent of Schools, 2/5	237 87
Principal High School	2,000 00
High School assistants	2,341 07
Elementary school teachers	13,867 06
Books, High School	204 80
Supplies, High School	82 16
Supplies, Elementary schools	646 39
Books, Elementary schools	438 51
Janitor, High School	320 75

Janitors, Elementary schools	1,879 95	
Fuel, High School	401 49	
Fuel, Elementary schools	1,807 74	
Miscellaneous, High School	67 23	
Miscellaneous, Elementary schools	281 05	
Repairs, High School	69 34	
Repairs, Elementary schools	535 07	
Health	143 90	
Transportation	1,012 00	
Tuition	20 25	
Miscellaneous expenses	158 38	
New grounds	398 37	
New equipment	102 78	
Miscellaneous expenses	46 06	
Insurance	313 39	
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		\$28,512 96
Cr. Tuition received from Town of Sutton.....		20 00
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		\$28,492 96

During the year the Town Hall and Fire King school buildings were painted, and we suggest that hereafter these schools be known as the Cottage Street schools.

We expect to equip the playgrounds at the various schools, with the assistance of the Parent-Teacher Association and any individuals who are interested in this plan, with additional apparatus, as we believe it is desirable to keep abreast of the times and up with other towns which are making these improvements.

The following appropriations are asked for the ensuing year:

General expenses, including superintendent's salary, expenses of school committee and expenses of at- tendance officer	\$1,500 00
Expense for instruction, including teachers' salaries, text-books and supplies, and miscellaneous expenses	21,000 00
Expense of operating school plants, including janitors' salaries, fuel and miscellaneous expenses of opera- tion	4,000 00
Maintenance, repairs, etc.	500 00
Auxiliary agencies, including health and transportation	1,500 00
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	\$28,500 00

WILLIAM T. LOOMIS,
FRANK H. BIRD,
ARTHUR E. RAWSON,

Superintending Committee.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee:

I herewith submit my ninth annual report of the schools of Douglas, it being the twenty-third in the series of superintendents' reports of this district.

ATTENDANCE.

The per cent of attendance has risen from 93.22 to 93.62 during the past year, but tardiness has increased somewhat, and a glance at the appended tables will show that in some schools there have been too many cases of tardiness.

The enrollment is about the same as last year, with an increase in the high school, making a membership of 45, and the crowded conditions there certainly show the need of an additional recitation room.

MANUAL TRAINING AND DOMESTIC SCIENCE.

The first is well taken care of under the instruction of Principal Holmes in the shop in the Fire King building and the boys taking this subject are very enthusiastic.

The domestic science classes were conducted by the regular teacher of the eighth grade, and Miss Edwidge Lacouture, a graduate of the household arts department of the Framingham Normal School, and instructor in this subject in Uxbridge, Whitinsville, and Blackstone, has had charge of this department since the middle of December, giving one-half day a week to this work.

Next year I suggest that a special teacher of this subject be engaged, in conjunction with Uxbridge and some other town, to teach one full day a week in Douglas.

SCHOOL SAVINGS BANK.

A school savings system has been established in the Douglas schools by vote of the school committee, and this system has been in operation since the first of November. From that time till January first there were deposited in the school banks \$393.74 by 250 depositors, and of this number 134 pupils opened accounts in the Uxbridge Savings Bank, which institution acts in co-operation with the school banks, receiving the deposits and placing them on interest.

The thrift habit needs no recommendation, as its importance is universally admitted, and its influence on the future lives of our school children cannot be over estimated.

IN GENERAL.

The transferring of the eighth grade from Douglas Center, where the teacher had too many grades to teach, to the East Douglas school, was a good plan, and is working well. The pupils come of their own accord, and are of no expense to the town for transportation.

More playground equipment at the high school building, where there are in attendance nearly three hundred pupils, is still desirable, as basket-ball and volley-ball equipment is the only one installed yet.

The grading of the yard at the Douglas Center building not only protects the basement from the entrance of surface water, but when the lawn is seeded, appropriately ornamented with shrubbery, and provided with cement walks and driveways, it will greatly add to the appearance of this school.

In conclusion, I desire to extend to the school committee, and all others who have contributed in any way towards making the work of the schools successful, my sincere thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. JUDKINS,

Superintendent of Schools.

February 4, 1924.

STATISTICAL STATEMENT

Assessed valuation, May 3, 1922.....	\$2,131,277
Population, census of 1920	2,181
No. persons in town between 5 and 16 years of age, April 1, 1923—boys 266, girls 307.....	573
No. persons between 5 and 7 years of age—boys 81, girls 98	179
No. persons between 7 and 14 years of age—boys 165, girls 187	352
No. persons between 14 and 16 years of age—boys 21, girls 21	42
Total enrollment in all the public schools during school year ending June 22, 1923.....	534
Average membership for school year.....	488
Average attendance for school year.....	459
Per cent. of attendance	94
No. school buildings in use.....	6
No. teachers required by the public schools.....	16
No. special teachers	2
No. teachers graduated from college.....	3
No. teachers graduated from normal school.....	9
No. weeks high school was in session.....	40
No. weeks grades were in session.....	38
No. pupils graduated from high school.....	3
No. pupils graduated from grammar school.....	26

Attendance for School Year Ending June 22, 1923.

SCHOOL	TEACHERS	Enrollment	Under 5 years	Between 5-7 years	Between 7-14 years	Between 14-16 years	Over 16 years	Av. Membership	Average Attendance	Per cent. of Attend.	No. Tardinesses	No. Dismissals
High.....	C. W. Holmes..... Rosalynde Hammons..... Hortense Cavis..... Maude A. Styles..... Helen M. Bartlett..... Alice L. Fairfield..... Eunice L. Buffington..... Lucy F. Orcutt..... Esther H. Lange..... May C. Buxton..... Etta H. Johnson..... Mollie H. Kelley..... Daisy E. Sweet..... Gertrude M. Smith..... Edith L. Dixon..... Ida Z. Jacobs..... Ella Farrington.....	44	0	0	1	19	24	39.80	37.22	93.50	135	25
E. Douglas 8...		31	0	0	9	20	2	26.27	24.60	93.76	37	17
" 7.....		35	0	0	16	18	1	27.62	25.57	92.19	95	20
" 6.....		48	0	0	38	7	2	45.08	43.96	97.48	22	5
" 5.....		46	0	0	40	6	0	46.05	42.88	93.18	38	37
" 4.....		52	0	0	49	3	0	49.17	46.58	94.74	11	19
" 3.....		55	0	0	54	0	0	53.11	50.38	94.88	44	7
" 2.....		52	0	0	50	2	0	49.31	46.75	94.81	5	5
" 1 a.....		49	0	22	27	0	0	39.86	38.88	94.86	5	0
" 1 b.....		28	0	15	12	0	0	26.22	24.66	94.12	17	5
Douglas Center 5-8		37	0	0	26	7	1	29.73	26.94	90.36	20	6
" 1-4		39	0	5	32	1	0	32.17	27.90	86.41	40	2
South " Mixed		12	0	0	8	3	0	9.77	8.50	87.05	10	14
W. Douglas, Mixed		16	0	3	10	3	0	13.02	13.13	87.42	23	6
Totals		534	0	45	372	89	30	489.18	457.95	93.62	502	168

**Rank of the Schools in Attendance and Punctuality
for Year ending June 22, 1923.**

Rank	ATTENDANCE	Per Cent. of Attendance	Rank	PUNCTUALITY	Per Cent. of Tardiness
1	East Douglas, 6	97.48	1	East Douglas, 2	.02
2	" " 3	94.88	2	" " 1-a	.02
3	" " 1-a	94.86	3	" " 4	.06
4	" " 2	94.81	4	" " 6	.13
5	" " 4	94.74	5	" " 1-b	.13
6	" " 1-b	94.12	6	Douglas Center, 4-8	.18
7	" " 8	93.76	7	East Douglas, 5	.23
8	High	93.50	8	" " 3	.23
9	East Douglas, 5	93.18	9	So. Douglas, mixed	.27
10	East Douglas, 7	92.19	10	East Douglas, 8	.29
11	Douglas Center, 4-8	90.36	11	Douglas Center, 1-3	.33
12	W. Douglas, mixed	87.42	12	W. Douglas, mixed	.42
13	So. Douglas, mixed	87.05	13	High	.80
14	Douglas Center, 1-3	86.41	14	East Douglas, 7	.94
	Average,	93.62		Average,	.29
	Average for State	93.00			

NOTE—No record of tardiness is kept by the state. Above 1%, however, is regarded as unsatisfactory.

LIST OF TEACHERS, JANUARY 1924.

NAME	SCHOOL	HOME ADDRESS	GRADUATE OF	When appointed in town
C. W. Holmes	High	East Douglas	Brown University	1918
Effie M. Stanhope	"	Middleton	Bates College	1923
Heleen Harriman	"	Cornish, Me.	Bates College	1923
Georgie M. Ripley	East Douglas, 8	Union, Me.	Bucksport, Me. Seminary	1923
Ethel M. Wellington	"	Chelsea, Vt.	Pottsdam, N. Y. Normal	1923
Eunice L. Buffington	"	East Douglas	Douglas High	1890
Ida Z. Jacobs	"	Concord	Fitchburg Normal	1922
Carrie E. Daggett	"	Bellows Falls, Vt.	Castleton Normal	1923
May C. Buxton	"	Douglas	Worcester "	1916
Etta H. Johnson	"	East Douglas	Douglas High	1889
Mollie H. Kelley	"	"	"	1908
Daisy E. Sweet	"	"	Wheelock Training School	1916
Gertrude M. Smith	Douglas Cent. 5-8	Douglas	Middlebury, Vt. High	1900
Edith A. Dixon	"	Douglas	Worcester Normal	1918
Ella Farrington	"	Canton	Framingham Normal	1922
Nellie B. Bowen	W. Douglas, mixed	Millbury	Worcester Normal	1923
Helen L. Murphy	S. Douglas, mixed	East Douglas	N. E. Conservatory Music	1922
Margaret Knowlton	Music	Worcester	Worcester Art Museum	1923
Edwidge Lacouture	Drawing	Millbury	Framingham Normal	1923
	Domestic Science			

* Attended without having been graduated. † Supervises also in Uxbridge, Blackstone and Millville.

Report of High School Principal

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Herewith is submitted my sixth annual report of the Douglas High School.

The high school is still growing. The average membership for the last school year was forty; the present membership is forty-five. The need for more room is therefore more pressing every year. By utmost economy of the room accommodations now available, each pupil is given the requisite number of recitation periods, twenty per week. This is managed only by forcing more of the smaller classes than ever into the little six-by-nine office room, with no blackboards, no room for a teacher's desk or even a table, by keeping the three typewriters in the corridors, and by combining classes and alternating subjects, in some cases, in a way detrimental to the interests of the school. For example, several Juniors and Seniors this year took commercial arithmetic in a class intended for Freshmen and Sophomores, merely because there was no room for an additional subject.

The forty-five pupils are distributed as follows:

By school year:

	Boys	Girls
Freshmen	5	12
Sophomores	5	10
Juniors	4	22
Seniors	3	4
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By courses:

	Boys	Girls
Freshman English	5	12
Sophomore English	5	10
Junior and Senior English.....	7	6
Caesar	1	4
French	8	22
Algebra A1 (Freshmen).....	3	12
Algebra A2 (Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors)	7	3

Commercial Arithmetic	5	10
Ancient History	6	20
Modern History	9	6
Physics	7	0
Astronomy and Physical Geog-		
raphy	0	6
Typewriting	3	12

Comparing the membership of the present classes with those of last year, it will be seen that all of the seven Juniors of last year returned to graduate this year. Five of the present Juniors, thirteen Sophomores, and seventeen Freshmen intend to return next year; and fifteen eighth grade pupils plan to enter high school. This will make a probable membership of fifty for next year.

Of the pupils now in the high school, six boys plan to enter college and five girls are preparing for normal school. Of four recent graduates here, one has graduated from Worcester Normal School and the other three are making good records there now. A fifth recent graduate here is making a good record in a small western college.

Last spring this school was promoted by the State Board of Education into the first class of high school, which means that a girl who makes a good record here will be admitted into a State Normal School without examination. To prepare boys so that they may enter a first class college is a much harder task, with present room accommodations. A domestic science class from the eighth grade invades one of the high school recitation rooms a whole afternoon once a week. The requisite number of recitations is managed at present, but this is not all that is needed for those who are trying to meet the strenuous requirements for admission to college. Much "follow-up" work is needed. Many recitation periods should occasionally be doubled for supervised study, and for work that cannot be accomplished in any reasonable time after school hours. College requirements in physics, for example, demand at least thirty experiments done *by the student himself* in the laboratory under the direction of the teacher. This requirement cannot possibly be fully met where the laboratory apparatus is in a room used for domestic science and for so many other high school recitations.

One session for the high school, beginning at eight o'clock or eight-thirty, would greatly improve the present situation. It would mean, in the first place, that the twelve or thirteen high school pupils who lunch in the building, coming from far outside the village, would have no further excuse for wasting their time during the ninety minutes of the noon intermission. It would give the high school the use of the domestic science room throughout the high school session. It would give the high school teachers the time needed for afternoon "follow-up" work for delinquents. It would give the more ambitious students opportunity for laboratory work or reference work in the afternoon, and for the less gifted, opportunity to catch up in their regular lessons, to do shop work, or to help their parents at home, if need be, in the struggle some parents have to make to keep their children in high school.

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. HOLMES, *Principal*.

February 6, 1924.

DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL

Graduation Exercises

CLASS OF 1923

PROGRAM

March,	Orchestra
Invocation,	Rev. Kendall Burgess
Song—Daybreak (<i>G. F. Wilson</i>)	Chorus
Salutatory—Education for Service	Avis Louise Dudley
Selections—(a) Melody by Friml,	
(b) Intermezzo by Macbeth,	Orchestra
Essay—Americanization,	Dorothy Dudley
Song—Come where the Lilies Bloom,	Chorus
Presentation of Class Gifts,	Dorothy Dudley
Acceptance for the School,	Andrew Sanborn
Selections from Faust,	Orchestra
Valedictory—The Library and the Community,	
	Margaret Bertha Brown
Presentation of Diplomas,	Supt. Clarence L. Judkins
Class Song	Chorus

CLASS ROLL

Margaret Bertha Brown	
Avis Louise Dudley	Dorothy Dudley

Report of Supervisor of Music

Mr. C. L. Judkins, Superintendent of Schools,

MY DEAR MR. JUDKINS:

It gives me pleasure to submit my second annual report as Supervisor of Music in the schools of Douglas.

The same course is being followed as last year and in addition we are striving to develop new phases along musical lines. The work in the first grade consists chiefly of rote-songs, which is the basis of the child's musical experience. Simple staff notation along with simple time problems have been presented in all of the first grades, and in most cases the results are encouraging.

In grade two, rote-songs are continued, and here also much attention is given to individual singing. This, I believe, makes the child more independent and allows him to possess confidence in himself.

The pupils in grade three read readily from their music books. The names of the various keys, the position of "do" in each key and various time problems receive attention.

We have just started the work in chromatics in grade four and along with this, difficult rhythm problems have been presented.

Grade five is working hard for good tone quality. Two-part music is carried on here, and thus far the results are encouraging.

Grade six is rendering three-part music very successfully. Drill in key signatures, and the position of the sharps and flats on the staff have been given attention.

Grades seven and eight sing three-part music, and in the latter grade, we have tried to study the lives of some of the famous musicians and composers.

The chorus singing at the High School is more inspiring this year. I believe that the purchase of the new chorus books aroused much enthusiasm among the pupils.

In closing, I wish to thank the Superintendent, members of the School Committee and the teachers, who have so willingly helped to make the music in the schools a success.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN L. MURPHY,

Supervisor of Music.

February 2, 1924.

Report of Drawing Supervisor

Mr. C. L. Judkins, Superintendent of Schools,

DEAR SIR:

Owing to the short time I have acted as drawing supervisor in the schools of Douglas and East Douglas, I find myself handicapped in rendering a satisfactory report of the work to date. Instead, I shall endeavor to submit a more general review of the entire year, taking into consideration, not only what we have already done, but that which I am planning and hope to accomplish before the close of the school year.

As every supervisor's ideas and interests are different, it is only natural that their courses should vary somewhat. It seems to me that the emphasis should always be laid on free-hand drawing. After that, training can point the way by encouragement and guidance to the appreciation of the worth-while in art. If a pupil has particular ability or inclination he will eventually find his particular field, in the numerous branches of art, through that inclination, and will pursue it in a more extensive study later.

The course in the grammar grades and on a more advanced scale, in the high school, is to be devoted largely to drawing. An effort is being made to teach the pupils to observe more carefully, as correct perception means correct drawing. In connection with this, some memory drawing is included in the course. Some time will be devoted to lettering and construction work, which especially encourages neatness and accuracy, and to design and composition, which stimulates the individuality, imagination and creative powers. I find also that the pupils are in need of a careful review of color and color harmony.

In the primary grades, I am emphasizing color and values. This requires the child to use the crayons in the proper way, also teaching him neatness and carefulness in his work. In the grammar grades, I am reviewing the principles of perspective, which again lays stress on the all important power of observation. In the high school, I feel that it is beneficial to give especial attention to the individual creative faculties.

I am glad to have this opportunity to thank my Superintendent, Principal and teachers for the really cordial spirit of co-operation manifest in furthering the understanding and appreciation of the individual pupils. Are we not all working toward a common end, namely, to make them happier and more useful citizens?

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET W. KNOWLTON.

February 11, 1924.

Report of Instructor of Sewing

Summer of 1923.

Mr. C. L. Judkins, Supt. of Schools,

DEAR SIR:—

The summer sewing class was held in July and was very well attended; the membership was 30.

The older girls made dresses and undergarments; the younger pupils made needle-books, towels and bungalow aprons.

Our exhibition was held at the close, in the second grade room.

I wish to thank both pupils and parents for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

ETTA H. JOHNSON,

Supervisor of Sewing.

August 1, 1923.

Report of School Physician

Mr. C. L. Judkins, Superintendent of Schools,

DEAR SIR:

Following is the report of the medical inspection of school children for the year 1923:

Pupils examined	484
Vaccinated	74
Defective teeth	54
Enlarged tonsils	72
Adenoids	56
Enlarged glands	15
Heart	3
Mentality (backward children)	4

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. QUINN,

School Physician.

February 1, 1924.

Report of the School Nurse

Mr. C. L. Judkins, Supt. of Schools,

DEAR SIR:

Number of visits to school.....	54
Number of home visits	82
Number of dressings	9
Treatment for pediculi	2

The pupils were weighed and measured, and a milk-bottle weight record card sent home to each parent.

Thanks are again due the Red Cross for supplies.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLOTTE RITCHIE.

January 15, 1924.

RESULTS OF THE TESTS FOR VISION AND HEARING.

Number of pupils tested.....	496
Number found defective in eyesight.....	54
Number found defective in hearing.....	13
Number parents or guardians notified.....	51

ATTENDANCE OFFICER'S REPORT.

Number of cases investigated.....	92
Number absent on account of sickness.....	48
Number absent on account of truancy.....	3
Number absent for other causes.....	35
Number absent returned to school.....	6

THOMAS P. RITCHIE,

Attendance Officer.

January, 1924.

EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATES.

Issued January 1, 1923, to January 1, 1924.

Number persons issued Certificates	Number Certificates issued
Educational (literate)..... 31	Educational (literate)..... 34
Educational (illiterate).... 0	Educational (illiterate).... 0
Employment 63	Employment 70
Summer vacation 2	Summer vacation..... 2
Special home permits..... 4	Special home permits..... 4
Total100	Total110

Mr. C. W. Holmes has been appointed by the Superintendent of Schools to issue certificates, and these may be obtained by those entitled to them by making application to Mr. Holmes.

MEMBERS OF TEACHERS' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION.

C. W. Holmes, Edith L. Dixon, Daisy E. Sweet, Ida Z. Jacobs, Ella Farrington, Effie M. Stanhope, Carrie E. Daggett, Helen Hariman, Nellie B. Bowen, Georgie M. Ripley, Ethel M. Wellington.

SCHOOL BANNERS.

The school banner awarded for excellence in attendance and punctuality each month has been won for the past year as follows:

	Per Cent Attendance	Number of Tardinesses
January East Douglas, 6	96.66.....	2
February, " " 6	92.44.....	1
March, " " 6	96.41.....	4
April, " " 6	97.03.....	1
May, " " 6	98.96.....	2
June, " " 6	100.00.....	1
September, " " 6	99.34.....	0
October, " " 2	98.99.....	1
November, " " 6	98.88.....	1
December, " " 1-a	98.75.....	1

HONOR ROLL.

Pupils neither absent, tardy, nor dismissed for 5 years:

Harriet Conrad.

Pupils neither absent, tardy, nor dismissed for 3 years:

Albert Dansereau, Esther Williamson

Pupils neither absent, tardy, nor dismissed for 2 years:

Celina Cassista, Evangeline Dansereau, Elizabeth Neslusan

Pupils neither absent, tardy, nor dismissed for 1 year:

Nellie Maziarka, Mary Kurtyka, Francis McCann, Annie Bombara (2nd grade), William Samborsky, Helen Tuchalska, John Pompa, Lawrence Gonsosick, Benjamin Kurtyka, Andrew Virostek, Katherine Bombara, Julia Liss, Mary Jabrochi, Andrew Jabrochi, John Chupka, Oscar Prince, Vincent Piascik, Lillian Johnston, Anna Bombara (5th grade)

